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Docket No.: C036226/0127436

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Giampiero VALLETTA)

Examiner: V. Y. Kim

Serial No.: 10/009,225)

Art Unit: 1618

Filed: November 7, 2001)

For: **USE OF VITAMIN COMBINATION
FOR THE TREATMENT OF
PRURITUS AND NON-INFECTIVE
DISORDERS INVOLVING ITCHING
AND/OR INFLAMMATION**)

New York, New York
August 19, 2005

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2005, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before August 23, 2005. 37 CFR § 1.8. No fee is believed to be due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview with the undersigned on May 12, 2005. In the interview, the Examiner suggested amendments to the pending claims to place them in condition for

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allowance. The Examiner's suggestions have been adopted, as reflected in the listing of claims (below). Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 8 of this paper.